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Dear Sir:

Please amend this application as set forth below:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend added claims 42 and 70 as follows:

C. 42. (amended) The filter mask of claim 41, wherein the flexible flap has maximum transverse curvature at the location where the flexible flap is mounted to the valve seat.